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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 746
By Boyer

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the American Legislative
Exchange Council on the occasion of its 25th
anniversary.

WHEREAS, in 1973, a small group of Democratic and Republican state legislators met in Chicago to found a bipartisan membership association that would advocate the fundamental Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty; this new association was named the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); and

WHEREAS, over the past quarter-century, ALEC has been at the forefront of the revitalization of the federal relationship between the states and the national government in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, ALEC has served as a counterweight against tendencies to further centralize government at the national level by continuously striving to return as much power and resources as possible to the levels of government closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, ALEC is now the largest bipartisan individual membership association of state legislators, with 3,000 state legislator members, a \$96 million annual budget, and 30 full-time staff members; and

WHEREAS, the 300 foundations, companies and private sector members of ALEC form a vital public-private partnership that has stimulated a bounty of innovation and activity at the state level to the immense benefit of the citizens of this nation; and

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WHEREAS, through its nine national task forces on Commerce and Economic Development; Civil Justice; Criminal Justice; Education; Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture; Health and Human Services; Tax and Fiscal Policy; Telecommunications and Information Technology; and Trade and Transportation, ALEC has created vital public policy laboratories for the development of policy strategies and model legislation for dissemination to the states; and

WHEREAS, ALEC has provided a forum for innovation and communication among the members' states through its task forces, publications, and cooperative public-private efforts to reach common-sense, results-oriented policies; and

WHEREAS, during its first twenty-five years, ALEC has performed an immeasurable service to the people of this nation by preserving for each of us the opportunity to be effective participants in the greatest representative democracy on the face of the earth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to congratulate the American Legislative Exchange Council on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary and express our heartfelt gratitude for its exemplary record of public service to its constituent states and to the republic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to the American Legislative Exchange Council for a long and productive future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the American Legislative Exchange Council, 910 17th Street, NW, Fifth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20006, with this final clause omitted.